Community Violence Solutions

Programs:

Rape Crisis Center
of Contra Costa and Marin

Stepping Stones
Counseling Center

Children's Interview Center

Prevention Services

Sexual Assault Response
Team (SART)

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Other Locations:

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800-670-7273 (RAPE)

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March 12, 2008

Mike Anderson, Mayor
City of Lafayette
365 Mt. Diablo Boulevard
Lafayette, CA 94549

Dear Mayor Anderson,

As a leader of our community, we ask you to lend your voice to the cause of ending sexual assault we "Speak Out Against Sexual Violence" during April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This special month, recognized in California and across the United States, provides an excellent opportunity for Marin County to work towards ending sexual violence

Community Violence Solutions would be honored if you sponsored an official Proclamation to recognize April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in your city. Such a proclamation will emphasize your commitment to this important cause and recognize the efforts of those individuals who work to end violence and provide crucial service to sexual assault survivors, victims and their families.

This year Community Violence Solutions will be holding its annual fundraiser in Central Contra Costa County. The evening is sure to be full of great wine, terrific food, fantastic auction items, and inspirational speakers.

Save the Date!
Community Violence Solutions' Annual Fundraising Gala
November 6, 2008
Blackhawk Auto Museum

Thank you for your consideration of this request. A sample proclamation is enclosed. A version can also be e-mailed if you prefer. Please contact Jo Ann Douglas at 510.237.0113 if you have any questions about Sexual Assault Awareness Month or this Proclamation. We appreciate your support and commitment to end sexual assault.

Sincerely

Rhonda James, MA
Executive Director

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Proclamation for National Sexual Assault Awareness Month-2008

WHEREAS, In California there were 9,213 forcible rapes in 2006 and 206 forcible rapes reported in Contra Costa County in the same year; with an increasing number affecting adolescents, and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person of Lafayette as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Lafayette are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and dedicated volunteers help staff 24-hour hotlines, respond to emergency calls and offer support, comfort and advocacy during medial exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of Community Violence Solutions and its Rape Crisis Center, Children's Interview Center and prevention programs in Lafayette are promoting education by offering training to schools, churches, and civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that continued educational efforts to provide information about prevention and services for sexual assault be supported and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify public awareness of sexual assault, to educate people about the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services, and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and

WHEREAS, Community Violence Solutions requests public support and assistance as it continues to work toward a society where all women, children, and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Anderson, Mayor of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

In Lafayette, California, and I commend this observance to all citizens.

(Mayor's signature)

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CITY COUNCIL
Mike Anderson, Mayor
Don Tatzin, Vice Mayor
Brandt Andersson, Council Member
Carl Anduri, Council Member
Carol Federighi, Council Member

PROCLAMATION

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the Lafayette City Council I do hereby proclaim the month of April as ***Sexual Assault Awareness Month.***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Lafayette this 14th day of April, 2008.

Mike Anderson, Mayor

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